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EXCERPTS FROM MAY 31 WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE ON NEW
ACTING DEA ADMINISTRATOR FOLLOW:

QUOTE: NEW DRUG UNIT CHIEF NAMED. ATTORNEY GENERAL EDWARD
H. LEVI YESTERDAY APPOINTED HENRY S. DOGIN, A DEPUTY AS-
SISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, TO BE ACTING ADMINISTRATOR OF THE
DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION.

DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL HAROLD R. TYLER JR. SAID IN AN
INTERVIEW YESTERDAY THAT DEA, "AND MORE PARTICULARLY JOHN
BARTELS, HAS BEEN UNDER FIRE SINCE LAST SUMMER. HE HAS
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MORALE AND MORE PARTICULARLY ON THE MORALE OF THE AGENCY."

TYLER STRESSED THAT THE REQUESTED RESIGNATION "IS NOT A DETERMINATION THAT JOHN BARTELS IS ANYTHING OTHER THAN A PERSON OF DECENCY AND HONESTY." TYLER ADDED THAT BARTELS, WHO HAS HEADED DEA SINCE ITS CREATION IN JULY 1973 MADE "MISTAKES OF MANAGEMENT."

A VETERAN DEA OFFICIAL SAID BARTELS' RESIGNATION CAUSED

MANY OF THE AGENCY'S EMPLOYEES TO FEEL RELIEF AND EVEN ELATION, BELIEVING THAT HIS RESIGNATION, DECREASES THE LIKELIHOOD THAT THE 2-YEAR OLD ORGANIZATION WILL BE DISMANTLED.

LEVI TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE THURSDAY THAT THERE ARE NO PLANS TO SHIFT ANY OF DEA'S DRUG-FIGHTING RESPONSIBILITIES ELSEWHERE.

SEN. HARRY M. JACKSON (D-WASH), CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS, SAID, "THE ISSUES OF THE EFFECTIVENESS AND OPERATIONS OF THE DEA REMAIN CRUCIAL. WE INTEND TO CONTINUE OUR INVESTIGATION AND WILL COMMENCE HEARINGS ON JUNE 9."

JACKSON SAID HE HOPES THE HEARINGS WILL "RESULT IN CONSTRUCTIVE RECOMMENDATIONS TO ASSIST THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN COMBATTING WHAT K OLLEDGEABLE SOURCES SEE AS AN UPCOMING NARCOTICS EPIDEMIC."

LEVI IYEUEU A BRIEF STATEMENT YESTERDAY SAYING "MANY ADVANCES HAVE BEEN MADE" UNDER BARTELS, BUT ADDING, "THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR. BARTELS AND I HAVE BEEN CONCERNED THAT DEA HAVE THE LEADERSHIP THAT WILL BE MOST EFFECTIVE IN THIS PERIOD."

LEVI SAID, "MR. DOGIN, BY VIRTUE OF HIS EXPERIENCE AND BACKGROUND, WILL PROVIDE STRONG LEADERSHIP FOR THE DEA UNTIL A PERMANENT ADMINISTRATOR IS NOMINATED BY THE PRESIDENT."

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DOGIN, 40, HAS BEEN A DEPUTY ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL IN THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT'S CRIMINAL DIVISION SINCE NOVEMBER, 1973, OVERSEEING THE ORGANIZED CRIME STRIKE FORCES AND NARCOTICS PROSECUTIONS.

DOGIN GRADUATED FROM CORNELL UNIVERSITY IN 1956 AND COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL IN 1961. HE WAS AN ASSISTANT PROSECUTOR IN NEW YORK COUNTY UNTIL 1967, THEN AN

ASSISTANT COUNSEL FOR THE WATERFRONT COMMISSION OF NEW YORK HARBOR UNTIL 1971, THEN DEPUTY REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION UNTIL 1973.

DESPITE THE EFFORTS OF DEA, WHICH HAS A DOLLARS 135.7 MILLION ANNUAL BUDGET AND 227 AGENTS OVERSEAS, THE FLOW OF COCAINE, MARIJUANA AND HASHISH INTO THIS COUNTRY APPEARS TO BE AT RECORD LEVELS, DEA OFFICIALS HAVE SAID.

DR. ROBERT L. DUPONT, DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION, SAID YESTERDAY THAT HEROIN USE IN THE UNITED STATES, WHICH REACHED A PEAK IN 1972, NOW IS RISING RAPIDLY AND THE NUMBER OF OVERDOSE DEATHS IS AT A RECORD LEVEL. UNQUOTE. INGERSOLL UNQTE INGERSOLL

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